



DODGE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Dale J Schmidt Sheriff **Scott Smith** Chief Deputy

Law of the Month

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Texting or Emailing While Driving

The Dodge County Sheriff's Office along with every other law enforcement agency in the nation is concerned about drivers who are texting or emailing while driving. This type of distracted driving is very dangerous and is the suspected cause in many crashes. Motorists must be very aware of their surroundings and not engaging in any activity which may distract them.

Texting or emailing while driving carries a fine of \$187.90 and 4 demerit points.

Wisconsin State Statute 346.89 (3) (a) states: No person may drive, as defined in s. 343.305 (1) (b), any motor vehicle while composing or sending an electronic text message or an electronic mail message.

Captain Trace Frost of the Dodge County Sheriff's Office said, "Any type of distracted driving is very dangerous and can lead to severe crashes. We ask that all motorists not text or send emails while driving. Not only is this illegal but is extremely dangerous".